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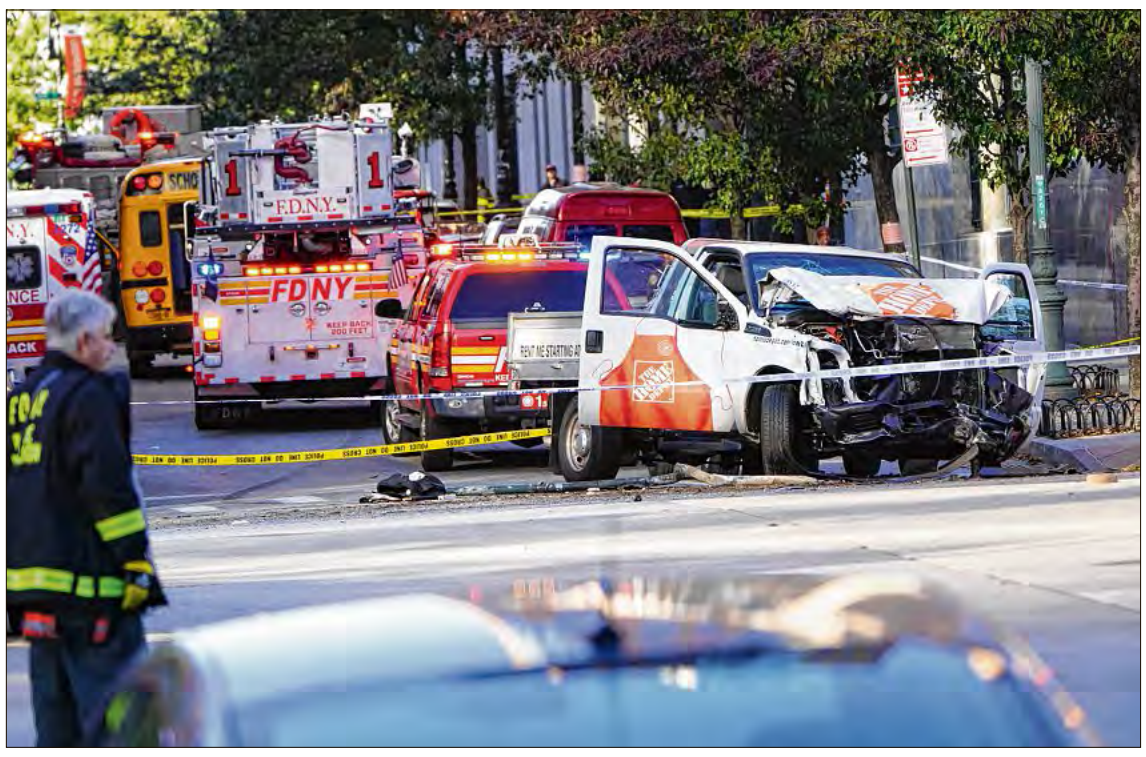


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ATTACK IN NEW YORK

'ACT OF TERROR' ON NYC BIKE PATH



A damaged Home Depot rental truck is surrounded by emergency vehicles Tuesday in New York City after the driver drove onto a bike path near the World Trade Center memorial, killing at least eight people and injuring 11 others. The suspect was shot by police and taken into custody. Officials identified him as Sayfullo Saipov, 29, who came to the U.S. from Uzbekistan in 2010. CHANG W. LEE / THE NEW YORK TIMES

At least 8 dead after 'lone wolf' attack with truck.

By Colleen Long and Jake Pearson
Associated Press

NEW YORK — A man in a rented pickup truck mowed down pedestrians and cyclists along a busy bike path near the World Trade Center memorial Tuesday, killing at least eight and injuring 11 others in what the mayor called "a particularly cowardly act of terror."

The driver was shot in the abdomen by police after jumping out of the truck with what turned out to be a fake gun in each hand and shouting what witnesses said was "Allahu Akbar," Arabic for "God is great," authorities said. The man underwent surgery and was in critical condition but was expected to survive.

Officials who were not authorized to discuss the investigation and spoke on condition of anonymity identified the attacker as 29-year-old Sayfullo Saipov and said he is from Uzbekistan and came to the U.S. in 2010. He has a Florida driver's license but may have been staying in New Jersey, they said.

Investigators discovered handwritten notes in Arabic near the truck that indicated allegiance to the Islamic State, two law enforcement officials said. But investigators had not uncovered evidence of any direct ties between Saipov and ISIS and were treat-

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MASS TRANSIT

DeKalb scales back MARTA vision

Bus lines will take precedence over heavy rail lines, officials say.

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For decades, commuters in suburban DeKalb County have been pleading for MARTA rail to expand eastward along I-20, but that train won't be coming down the tracks anytime soon.

Even a recent long-shot pitch to lure Amazon's second headquarters to the Stonecrest area won't make rail happen.

It now appears that if DeKalb taxpayers agree to fund more public transit, they'd get commuter bus lines long before heavy rail would arrive.

MARTA officials say bus rapid transit would likely come first because it can be built more quickly and cheaply than traditional train service, which requires larger stations and more expensive infrastructure.

The dream of rail lines connecting hundreds of thousands of residents to the intown Atlanta business district will have to wait.



A man walks through the turnstiles after stepping off a bus at the Indian Creek MARTA station, the easternmost stop on MARTA's east-west rail line. CASEY SYKES / CASEY.SYKES@AJC.COM

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PROPERTY TAX DISPUTE

Governments fear drastic cuts if taxes delayed

Schools eyeing job and spending cuts, hiring freezes, furloughs.

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The financial fates of the Atlanta and Fulton County school districts hinge on the outcome of a Friday court hearing.

The school districts and governments that depend on Fulton County's property tax collection warned there could be employee furloughs and even terminations if a judge does not allow them to collect taxes soon.

Asked how crucial that decision is, Fulton County Schools Superintendent Jeff Rose offered a stark reply.

"I guess you'd say, 'How important is school?" he said. "It makes a dramatic difference in our ability to either limp along… (or) potentially not being able to limp along."

The district on Tuesday announced a hiring freeze, spending cuts, and field trip moratoriums as it awaits tax money.

Fulton schools do not plan furloughs but will move a Dec. 20 payday to Dec. 29.

Atlanta Public Schools sounded the alarm this week that furloughs – forced days off without pay –

WHY THE FULTON COUNTY TAX DELAY IS SUCH A BIG DEAL FOR SCHOOLS:
- For Atlanta Public Schools, Fulton taxes generate 62.5 percent of a $777 million budget.
- For Fulton County Schools, Fulton taxes generate 62 percent of a $1 billion budget.

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HEALTH CARE

Health signups begin amid uncertainty

Fifth open enrollment begins today; some find subsidies will increase.

Abby Goodnough and Robert Pear
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MACON, GA — David Branch knew that his job, helping people sign up for Obamacare, would be harder this year. But Branch didn't fully realize the scope of his challenge until a group that he approached with his flyers insisted that the Affordable Care Act had been repealed.

"They said, 'Why are you guys here? Obamacare is done,'" Branch recalled Friday as he finished a training session here.

In fact, the Affordable Care Act has survived blow after blow since President Donald Trump took office in January, including repeated attempts by Congress to repeal it. But as the fifth open enrollment period starts today, the law is reeling from continued attacks by Trump that have sown confusion and anxiety among the roughly 10 million Americans with coverage through its insurance marketplaces and millions more who remain uninsured.

Most recently, Trump announced plans to cut off subsidies that reimburse insurance companies for assistance they are required to provide to low-income

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YOUR GUIDE TO HEALTH CARE SIGNUPS
Visit **PoliticallyGeorgia.com** for expanded coverage of the signup period for the Affordable Care Act, including a video guide to the process and rules.

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METRO, B1

Report: DeKalb official harassed assistant

Allegations say Commissioner Greg Adams told an assistant he found her "sexy," requested photos of her in a bikini and invitedhimself to her hotel room at 3 a.m.

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